

# MARCH



## GO WITH THE FLOW

Did you know raindrops fall at speeds of 7 to 18 miles per hour? In wind, they might fall much faster. **BUT WHERE DOES THE RAIN GO?** It ultimately ends up in rivers and streams, each of which creates a passageway to the Chesapeake Bay. Can you think of one close to your house, at your local park or somewhere else nearby?

Each time it rains (or snows), the water collects pollution from the air and as it runs off buildings, roads and sidewalks. Pesticides, fertilizers and pet waste from our yards also wash away down storm drains, which also ultimately lead to our beloved bay. In the process, fish, frogs, salamanders, birds and other animals that live and feed near and on the water are harmed.

## WANT TO HELP?

With an adult, you and friends can volunteer to stencil the drains in your neighborhood. Seeing the words *Don't dump. Drains to streams.* remind people that any trash they may have considered littering would end up polluting our water.

DNR has several stenciling **KITS YOU CAN BORROW.** Post pictures of your finished storm drains to **MAPPLER!**

Other ways to help: Pick up your animals waste as soon as possible. Sweep your street gutters to remove leaves and trash. Don't litter. Research the value of insects, and share what you have learned with your parents so they will reduce or not use pesticides.



## AN A-MAZE-ING JOURNEY

Help the raindrop make it clean to the Bay!

